

"Item — mask, Somali; painted teak, design abstrait;
of priestly origins; sold.

Of these words, the greatest is sold.

Write to anyone else on earth but me. I will read none
of the poems you have sent me. Do yourself and the rest
of your world a favor: stop writing. Stop it.

Yours, etc.

A.R.

Hrar, Abyssinie
Juin, 1881

— Frederick J. Marchant

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THE MAN WITH THE HOE

I wondered of the race of mankind
I wondered of its beliefs
I wondered of its divinities
I wondered of its comedians
I wondered of its crowns
I wondered of its clowns
I wondered of its players
I wondered of its carnival
I wondered of its tyranny
I wondered of its tyrants
I wondered of its bondage
I wondered of its bullies
I wondered of its flights
I wondered of its futility

Again I wondered of the race of mankind
I wondered of a race of hands
I wondered of its paws
I wondered of its pawing the earth
I wondered of its tools
I wondered of its toolmakers
I wondered of its construction work
I wondered of its accomplishments
I wondered of its workingmen
I wondered of its acres
I wondered of its plows

I wondered of its plowmen
I wondered of its evidence
I wondered evidently
I wondered of the man with the hoe

OF THE DEATH OF A RHINOCEROS

What do you know of this funeral pyre
What do you know of the death of a rhinoceros
What do you know of this delicious calf's liver
What do you know of this kind of a funeral of the wilds
What do you know of its likely visitors
What do you know of its hummingbees
What do you know of its hummingbirds
What do you know of its green gardens
What do you know of its black gardens
What do you know of its intense bees
What do you know of its furious jungle
What do you know of its wilderness
What do you know of its darkness
What do you know of its canary birds
What do you know of this music above the roar of the tiger
What do you know of all thru the night

NORTH ATLANTIC BRACELETS

What do you know of the land of Beatrix
What do you know of the land of the blessed damozel
What do you know of just touching one's toe to the polar
regions
What do you know of the northern passages
What do you know of its ice floes
What do you know of its icebergs
What do you know of its surf
What do you know of its icy mists
What do you know of the land of the northern rhinoceros
What do you know of the whereabouts of the British fleet
What do you know of the famed passengers on board
What do you know of the palaver and teatime and consomme
What do you know of the land of the blessed
What do you know of the blessed commands
What do you know of the blessed commander
What do you know of its face in the icy mists
What do you know of its ice cold British tears